

OREGON TUALATIN VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



An ARRL Special Service Club

April 1991

Next Meeting April 10, 1991

OTVARC Travelers

By Jerry Mohr, N7KUQ

The OTVARC Travelers had a wonderful, warm, sunny weekend for the March 1991 campout at River Oaks RV Park in Toledo, WA. We couldn't have asked for a better weekend for playing Skip-Bo and horseshoes, for eating good food, and for sitting around the campfire socializing. Wagonmasters Al (WB7SIC) & Mary Berg did an outstanding job.

Those attending were: Jerry (N7KUQ) & Bobbie (KB7DM) Mohr, Al (WB7SIC) & Mary Berg, Dave (N7DWL) & Marian Funk, Geno (KA7KBH) Buell, Bud (KC7PS) & Sally Butterfield, Dale (KA7TZU) & Betty Plamer, Roger (KA7RNN) & Marvel (KA7TZT) Noyes, Tom (KA7WTF) & Barbara (KA7NAM) Bailey, and Steve (WA7ZCL) Stewart. Willis (N7DZR) & Norma Ranes stopped by and visited for a few hours on Saturday.

The next OTVARC Travelers campout will be the weekend of April 19, 20, 21, 1991 at BIG EDDY PARK near Vernonia, Oregon. Bud (KC7PS) and Sally Butterfield are the Wagonmasters. If you haven't told Bud or Sally you are coming, please call them at 649-1523 and let them know you are coming.

The camp ground is located at 64555 Nehalem Highway on Highway 47. It is 22 miles from Highway 26, eight miles past Vernonia, and 3 miles toward Mist past the junction at Pittsburgh. The fee for water and electric hook-ups is \$7.00 per day. The park has a dump station with a charge of \$1.00 for the use of the dump station. Use the 147.32 repeater while enroute and the 145.67 simplex frequency while in the vicinity of the park.

If you have a tent, tent trailer, travel trailer, pickup camper, van camper or motorhome and have an interest in Amateur Radio, come out and join us at the April campout.

You won't meet a more friendly group of people.

Contest Time Again

By Jim Schaeffer, KB7ADH

The 1991 OTVARC April Fools 10 Meter SSB contest will be held on Thursday evening April 11. Last year's winner Kirk, KB7GUH is planning to defend his title.

The objective of this contest is to promote the spirit of friendly competition and sportsmanship. It is also a great way to meet fellow club members while improving your SSB operating proficiency.

The contest will run from 8:00 to 9:00 P.M. (PDT). The time has been changed so everyone from the 7:30 nets will be able to take part.

Pat, KA7UFG says she has a new secret strategy all ready for this year! You'll want to tune in just to see if you can discover her secret.

Rules and further information are on page 5 of this newsletter.

April Meeting

Jerry Dimmitt, WA6FCY

Jerry Dimmitt will be our guest speaker. He has been a talk show host for KKEY and is currently a talk show consultant. Jerry will be MC at the SEAPAC banquet. This will be our chance to meet him before the convention and hear of his experiences.

May Meeting

Northwest Scanning Newsletter

The OTVARC Club 2 Meter Repeater is on 146.900 (-600)

Words from the President

By Ray Deeth, K7VDQ

This month's article will be dedicated to promoting FIELD DAY, JUNE 21-23, 1991. These dates were verified with ARRL which was questioned at last meeting.

Despite the small showing of hands at the last meeting of who will attend Field Day, the event will go stage at the BANKS HIGH SCHOOL facilities. As I scanned the audience at the meeting, there were a few messages on a few faces that showed doubt about the Field Day this year.

With the tax laws in todays society, our club must stress more educational and training programs (NOT SOCIAL) to remain current as a non-profit organization. Therefore, this is the main trust in Field Day this year. Is the club field day for the entire membership or just for me, myself and I!!

OTVARC FIELD DAY PROGRAM FOR 1991

PLACE: BANKS HIGH SCHOOL -- BANKS, OREGON

Directions will be made available at April meeting.

FIELD DAY CALL SIGN:

My thanks to WX7E, EMERSON HOYT, who gave his approval for this years call sign.

FIELD DAY COORDINATOR:

I know we have one good ELMER, but he will being do his own. However, we have other members who are good ELMER'S. Please come forth!!!! This person needs to coordinate with Dee (KA7NPN) the equipment for field day - Batteries, antennas, radios, etc.

FIELD DAY FOOD CONNECTION:

I have these suggestions:

Friday: Pizza - Local Pizza parlor

Saturday: Beef stew or spaghetti feed at the residence of K7VDQ across from the High School

Sunday: Maxines cafe opens 6:00 A.M., located 1 block from High School

If a better idea can be suggested, please give me a call - 324-4502.

Authority has been granted to park your camper in the back parking lot of the school for those who wish to be close to the activities. I will secure a room for conducting a seminar for anyone who needs help with any phase of Amateur Radio. We need to assist the many new novices and technicians - A club objective as mandated in the constitution.

VOLUNTEERS: TEAM "A"

In charge of OTVARC trailer set-up, operating and dismantling. Operating as "Operator's Choice" (1A)

VOLUNTEERS: TEAM "B"

In charge of the Novice station. Supervise the set-up, operation and dismantling.

Your expertise as a dedicated amateur is needed to assist in promoting good well in the community - not just another C.B. society doing their thing. We are professionals!

The following is a letter from our 1990 OTVARC Scholarship winner, Karl Schilke, KA7PPZ.

Hi! I'm taking a break from studying for my chemistry midterm tomorrow, and I thought I'd write you. I shouldn't even have to tell you that I'm having a great time here at Oregon State. I'm living in an all male dorm, which has its ups and downs (if you know what I mean...).

The guys on the floor are all really great, they're like family to me. We're all friends, and do all sorts of stuff together. I was considering joining a fraternity at the start of the year, but I honestly think that there is at least as much camaraderie here as in a frat. It's really nice living with such a supportive group of guys.

Last term was pretty grueling. I took Sophomore Chem, and a Junior level Computer Science class. That was an experience there were people with totally grey hair in my class... It was really scary at first, but they accepted and everything came out okay. There were quite a few all night programming sessions last term. Lots of work, but it was worth it.

One thing that is really nice was not having to worry about where the money is coming from... Thanks again for the scholarship. It's a really great feeling to know that my school is paid for because of the work I did in high school. For a while, there, it seemed like it'd never pay off! Also, since I'm basically paying for school, I don't feel as bad about hitting my dad for money...

Speaking of money... My dad and I found a way to save long distance bills : we talk on 2 meters! The system is almost perfect the 146.78 Mary's Peak repeater covers both of us beautifully, and the ARES net meets on 678 every night at 7:30. We both check in, and then talk after the net. It's a great system, and my phone bill is practically nothing. Besides, I've met a lot of other hams here at school.

This term isn't going as well as last term (I got a 3.25 last term) but I think I can turn it around. I've been slacking off a little more than I think I should have been. My chemistry class is much more difficult than last term, as is my Vector Calculus. Hopefully, I'll be able to get back on track.

Anyway, I should get back to my Chemistry studies... Thanks again for the scholarship - it "really" comes in handy when the bills come. *Karl, KA7PPZ*

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*Your kind expression of sympathy
is deeply appreciated
and gratefully acknowledged
by the family of Harold Maiken.*

Dear Friends,

Your choice of flowers couldn't have pleased me more - Thank you so much. The planter is filled with plants we can enjoy most of the summer.

Thank You, Beulole Maiken

The Maiken farm in Vernonia, Oregon, was the field day site for OTVARC for several years. N7BIJ has reported that Mrs. Maiken has extended an invitation to OTVARC to use the Maiken farm for any future events.

Ham News Briefs

"Grandfathered Technicians", Take Note

Amateurs who need verification of their 'Grandfathered' Technician Class status may get this from the Commission by writing:

FCC Consumer Assistance
1270 Fairfield Road
Gettysburg, PA 17325-7245.

"Grandfathered Technicians" have passed the old 50 question Tech exam before March 21, 1987 and receive examination credit for Elements 1A (5 WPM code), 2 (Novice written), 3A and 3B (Technician and General written exams.)

The verification request must be made by writing the FCC. Telephone calls are not accepted for this purpose. It is the responsibility of the applicant to prove which test elements they have credit for.

This is usually accomplished by showing a CSCE, Certificate of Successful Completion of Examination, issued by the VE team.

Technicians examined between March 21, 1987 and February 13, 1991, get credit for Elements 1A, 2 and 3A. Codeless Technician licensees examined after February 14 get credited only with Elements 2 and 3A. Tech Plus applicants get credit for 1 A, 2, and 3A.

Not Happy With Your Current Call Sign?

Any licensed amateur radio operator may now obtain a new call sign at any time by simply completing a Form 610 Application - even if the licensee's operator class and mailing address has not changed. As in the past, however, no requests for specific call signs are granted.

An amateur call sign is only changed when the licensee requests another call by checking FCC Form 610 line number 2E. Once the change is made, your previous call can not be reinstated.



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Novice Class Begins

By Alan Roehl, K07B

By the time the newsletter goes to press, the first two (out of ten) sessions of the beginning ham classes for spring term will be history. The classes are held each Tuesday evening from 7 PM to 9 PM at Cedar Park Middle School.

It may still be possible for you to enroll - please check with the instructors. The purpose of the classes is to prepare each student for the examinations to obtain their license.

Recognition is in order for two club members who are teaching the classes. They are Bill Vesser and Tom Durell, KA8VNT. I am confident that the membership shares my appreciation for their efforts to volunteer for this worthwhile activity.

It is certainly terrific to see some new blood getting involved.

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17615 N.W. Country Drive
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Deadline for all material is the 20th of the preceding month.

All correspondence other than for this newsletter should be sent to:

Oregon Tualatin Valley Amateur Radio Club
Post Office Box 5132
Aloha, Oregon 97006-0132.

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at the Beaverton Elks Lodge, 3500 S.W. 104th Avenue, Beaverton, Oregon.

Meetings begin at 7:00 P.M. following a buffet dinner served at 6:15 P.M.

1990 OTVARC APRIL FOOL's SSB CONTEST RULES

DATE and TIME: Thursday, April 11, 1991, 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (PDT)

FREQUENCY: 28.3 MHz to 28.5 MHz (10 Meter Novice / Tech. SSB sub-band).

OBJECTIVE: is to work as many stations as possible during the contest period and in so doing promote the spirit of friendly competition and sportsmanship. To improve our proficiency in making SSB contacts and to give participants a chance to meet fellow club members and others in the amateur community. Contacts may be used toward the Worked All OTVARC Award. **NEW AND INEXPERIENCED OPERATORS ARE ESPECIALLY INVITED TO PARTICIPATE.** It will be fun.

EXCHANGE: Call sign, name, and city or QTH. (Example: KA7UFG/T, Pat, Aloha).

SCORING: All contacts with novice stations (signing /N "stroke N") or technician stations (signing /T "stroke T") count as two points each. All other contacts count as one point. Each different call sign prefix (example: W7, K7, KA7, KB7, WN7, NB7, ZL1, etc) counts as a multiplier.

For example, during the contest you work five novice / technician stations and fifteen others. Further, you compile ten different call sign prefixes. Your total claimed score would be 250 points, calculated as follows:

5 contacts X 2 points per contact	= 10 points
15 contacts X 1 point per contact	= 15 points
	= 25 QSO points
times 10 call sign prefixes	= 250 points

LOGS: Use the log sheet of your choice. (*One is provided on page 6 of this newsletter*). Logs are due postmarked no later than Wednesday, May 8, 1991. Send Logs to: OTVARC April Fool Contest, P.O. Box 5132, Aloha, Oregon, 97006-0132.

Logs may be submitted at the May club meeting. To count your log must show your call, name, exchange, and claimed score.

The contest committee will be the sole judge in the interpretation of any rules or disputes in this contest.

PRIZES: First Place winner with highest claimed score will receive a special plaque, to be presented at the June club meeting. All participants will receive recognition in the club Newsletter.

COMMENTS: Your comments are always welcome. Please direct them to the Contest Committee.

APRIL 11, 1991, 8:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. (PDT)

Score: 77

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Upcoming Events

April 10	OTVARC Club Meeting Beaverton Elks Club 7 P.M.
April 11	OTVARC April Fools Contest 10 Meters, 28.3 to 28.5 Mhz 8 P.M. to 9 P.M.
April 19, 20	OTVARC Travelers Campout Big Eddy Park, OR
April 30	Project Night
May 17, 18	OTVARC Travelers Campout Chehalis 1000 Trails, WA
May 28	Project Night
June 1, 2	SEAPAC Convention Seaside, Oregon
June 21, 22, 23	Field Day, Banks High School Banks, Oregon
July 13, 14	State Games Of Oregon
July 19, 20	OTVARC Travelers Campout Skamokawa Park, WA
August 16, 17	OTVARC Travelers Campout Beaver Bay, WA
August 23, 24	Hood To Coast Relay
September 20, 21	OTVARC Travelers Campout Silver Falls State Park, OR
September 24	Project Night
September 29	Portland Marathon
October 18, 19	OTVARC Travelers Campout Pacific City 1000 Trails, OR
October 29	Project Night
November 15, 16	OTVARC Travelers Campout Depoe Bay Holiday RV Park
November 26	Project Night

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Feel free to contact the Board of OTVARC to answer any questions you may have.

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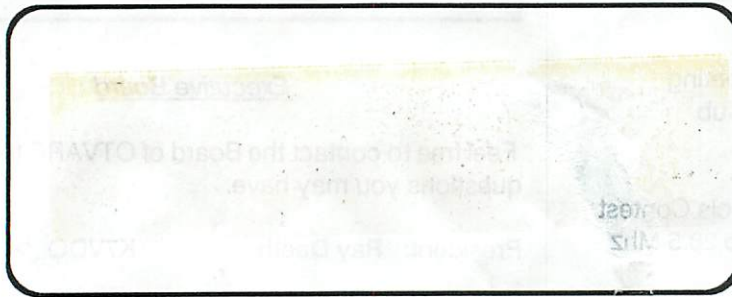
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